U.S. Embassy Lusaka Warden Message March 19, 2010 Safety Reminder

U.S. citizens residing in, or traveling through, Zambia are reminded that violent crime is a serious threat in Zambia and are advised to take necessary safety precautions. U.S. citizens living in the popular tourist destination of Livingstone, as well as on the Copperbelt have reported being the victims of armed robberies in recent weeks. U.S. citizens or their families were injured and or lost property in the robberies. The Zambian Police Service likewise continues to report carjackings and armed robberies in major cities throughout the country. All U.S. citizens should monitor local news reports and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website and the U.S. Department of State's <u>Bureau of Consular Affairs website</u> where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review <u>"A Safe Trip Abroad"</u>, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

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